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In re application of : Schlager et al.

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Examiner: Mary Zeman

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For: "Automated Method of Identifying and Archiving Nucleic Acid Sequences"

Amendment and Request for Reconsideration Under 37 CFR 1.116

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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed January 30, 2004 applicant requests reconsideration of the application in light of the following amendments and remarks.

The time period for response was restarted on March 31, 2004, in an Office Action dated March 31, 2004. The three-month shortened statutory period for response expired on June 30, 2004. The enclosed one-month Petition for Extension of Time extends the period for response to July 31, 2004.